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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN DRIVERS LICENSES

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1. LAWS VARY FROM STATE TO STATE. AAA TELLS US THAT IN GENERAL SAUDI LICENSES FOR VISITORS WOULD BE RECOGNIZED UP TO ONE YEAR FROM ARRIVAL. AAA WILL ISSUE A "VALIDATION CARD" WHICH MAY FACILITATE DEALING WITH RENT-A-CAR COMPANIES.
2. WHEN ONE BECOMES A RESIDENT, AS IN CASE OF STUDENTS, SOMEWHAT MORE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY. VIRGINIA, FOR INSTANCE, GIVES RESIDENTS 30 DAYS TO ACQUIRE VIRGINIA LICENSE.
3. AAA ALSO INFORMS US THAT INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENSES ARE RECOGNIZED IN THE U.S. SISCO

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